Maharashtra	1039016
Andhra Pradesh	926678
Karnataka	409818
Kerala	168614
Lakshadweep	300
Pondicherry	55013
Tamil Nadu	658395
TOTAL:	8685290

Increases in the prices of petroleum products

106. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have increased the prices of petrol, diesel, cooking gas and kerosene in January this year;

(b) if so, the reasons that led to the increase in the prices of these petroleum products;

(c) the steps taken to avoid the frequent increase of these petroleum prices; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (d) The ex-storage point prices of petrol, diesel, cooking gas and kerosene has not been increased by the Government in January this year. However, the retail selling prices have been revised in some States due to revision in Sales Tax rates by the respective State Governments.